

Applicant : Ernest R. Chacon
Appl. No. : 10/638,159
Examiner : Helen OK Chu
Docket No. : 13710-4001

Remarks

Claims 1-12 are pending in the Application.

The Office Action contains a restriction requirement. Specifically, the Office Action has required an election between Species 1A: (claims 1-6) and Species 2A (claims 7-12). Applicant respectfully elects Species 2A (claims 7-12) with traverse. Applicant has withdrawn claims 1-6 without prejudice to renew in a divisional application. Applicant notes that while the Office Action states that Species 2A is directed to a storage apparatus that can store "two" batteries, Applicant respectfully submits that nothing in independent claim 7 limits the apparatus to storing only two batteries. All that is required is that there be a first and a second non-conductive sleeve. The preamble uses the open-ended word "comprising", which makes it clear that the claim is not limited in the manner suggested in the Office Action.

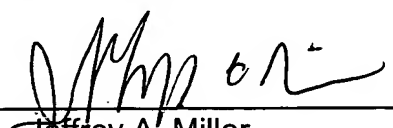
Should the Examiner have any questions or comments on the application, the Examiner should feel free to contact the undersigned via telephone.

Please charge Orrick's Deposit Account No. **15-0665** for any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.445.

Respectfully submitted,
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